THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A report published by World Health Organization (WHO) titled "The Global Burden on Disease" has predicted that by 2010 the number of disability adjusted life years (DALY) due to cardio-vascular diseases would amount to 34.9 million in India. The corresponding figures for the world would be 175.8 million.

(b) Cardio-vascular diseases are managed at various levels in the Urban Health Care Institutions and Rural Health Care Delivery System in the country both in the public and private sectors. Apart from several district level hospitals, which provide secondary level health care facilities, premier Government hospitals and autonomous institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh provide specialized tertiary care facilities in the field.

Extension of health services in AIIMS

†29. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) for how many months the proposal of extension of health services in AIIMS has been lying pending for consideration alongwith the reasons and the persons responsible therefor; and

(b) by when, Government propose to convene a meeting of the Committee on Health Services Extension and what action propose to initiate against the officials responsible for not convening the meetings of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No specific proposal is pending for consideration with the Government.

Non-functioning of ultra-sonic cavitrone machine in DR. RML Hospital

30. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a four-decade old ultra-sonic cavitrone machine installed in the Dental Wing of Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi continues to non-functional; and

(b) the action taken to replace the machine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the six ultra-sonic

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.